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LEG. ASSEMBLY QUESTION : PERSONS SELECTED FOR GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE LINGUISTIC PROVINCES COMMISSION : PAPERS RECORDED.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Legislative Assembly held on the 10th September 1948.

Persons selected for giving evidence before the Linquistic Commission.

SRI D.V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri B.S. Murthi): Will the Hon. the Premier to be pleased to state -

(a) whether any persons have been invited by the Government to give evidence before the Linguistic Commission; and

(b) if so, who the persons so invited are and on what basis the invitations were issued?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier):

(a) and (b): The Linguistic Provinces Commission wanted this Government to forward a list of persons representative of all shades of opinion to give evidence before it. The list forwarded to the Commission is laid on the table of the House. The intention was to include persons representative of all shades of opinion in the list.

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA: May I know who selected this list or on whose advice it was selected?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: The Government of Madras selected the list.

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know why not even one lady has been included in the list?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: It is a regrettable omission. Sir.

P.K. MOIDEENKUTTY SAHIH BAHADUR: Even though Malabar has a population of 15 lakhs of Muslims who are represented by many legislators here, why has not even a single gentleman has been thought fit to be included in this list, while the Government have selected about seven gentlemen from Malabar one of whom represents nobody but himself.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: It is not a question of Hindus and Muslims. It is a Linguistic Provinces Commission and we need not take into consideration the religion of the witnesses invited. The Moplahs in particular have no particular opinions to express before the Linguistic Provinces Commission and therefore perhaps th were not included.

SRI N.M.R. SUBBARAMAN: May I know whether any evidence is given on behalf of the Government.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: No, Sir.

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know why the office-bearer of the Andhra Mahasahba - the President, the Secretary and the Joint Secretary - have not been invited.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Perhaps they are not included.

MUHAMMAD RAXA KHAN SAHIB: While in no way concerned with the person selected by the Madras Government to place their case before the Linguisti c Provinces Commission, may I know whom Sir Muhammad Usman represents? Does he represent any interests in this Province

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: He is distinguished citizen of Madras. He was an ex-Mayor of the City, an ex Home Member of the Government, an ex-Governor and an ex-Vice Chancellor of the University.

SRI T. VISWANATHAN: May I know why the Government were not able to include more than ten or eleven names from the Telugu area while the total number in the list is 59.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Most of them belong to Madras City.

fore member could not have been included from the Telugu districts than those from the Tamil districts, so that all shades of opinion may be represented.

SRI K. KOKKAI GOWDER: May I know what prevented the Government from including the representative of the Nilgiris district which seems to be the bone of contention of the various linguistic Provinces.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: The list is not exnaustive. If the Commission want they may invite others also. Also if anyone wants to appear before the Commission, he may seek an interview.

SRI K. LINGA RAJU: May I know how the President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. N.G. Ranga, escaped the attention of the Government

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: When the list was drawn up he was somewhere abroad.

SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Is it suggested that the Government were consulting the persons concerned before they included them in the list?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: No Sir

SRI T. VISWANATHAN: Then how does this question of Mr. Ranga being elsewhere arise.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: If any lady member is anxious to give evidence before the Commission, certainly we can forward here name also, provided the Commission have the time also.

P.K. MOIDEEN KUTTY SAHIB BAHADUR: Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the persons were selected to represent certain shades of opinion. If that is so, I want to know why the views of a particular individual from Malabar was taken in spite of the fact that tere were about half-a-dozen other Hindu members from Malabar.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Because, Sir, he was a respectable citizen of Malabar his name was included.

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: Are the Government aware, Sir, that even though about sixty persons were selected to give evidence before the Commission, the Commission selected only thirty and why the other thrity were left over?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: It is quite likely, Sri. We cannot force the Commission to interview all the persons we have suggested.

SRI B.S. MURTHI: May I know, Sir, whether the Government will give a fresh list of names, that is, those not already included in the list and request the Commission to interview them also.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Just now, my hon.Friend has stated that even the persons included in the Government list have not been invited by the Commission, perhaps for want of time and I therefore see no purpose will be served by additing to list.

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA: Sir, in view of the divergent views openely expressed by various Ministers of this Government on this question, may I know why the Government thought it fit to give a list of names, particularly when the Government want to be non-committal.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Sir, my answer was definite. The Commission requested the Government to give them a list of names, so that they might make a selection later on from the list submitted by the Government.

SRI T. VISWANATHAM: May I know, Sir, in view of the answer of the Hon. Leader of the House about the anxiety he expressed that if any lady member wanted to give evidence he would recommend her name to the Commission, may I know whether any male members expressed their anxity before he included them in the list?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Some of them have expressed, Sir.

SRI K. LINGA RAJU: Sir from the list now selected, are we to understand that those who are opposed to the formation of linguistic Provinces, particularly the Andhra Province, have been given preference

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: I do not like the insinuation, Sir.

SRI ROKKAM RAMAMURTHI: My question is not, Sir, that members of the boundary area are not inluded in the list. My question was, why not this Government give a chance to the members of this House representing the border

M.S. ABDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know, Sir, whether the Governmen have given their evidence before this Commission, and if so, may I know the views of this Government.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: I have already answered that question. We are not appearing before the Commission.

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: Sir, in view of the serious misgivings and doubts in regard to the Government's reply, will the Government publish their answers sent to the Commission with referenc to the questionnaire issued by the Commission and place it before this House.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: It is an official document. Sir, and

not prepared to lay it before the House.

.K. MOIDEEN KUTTY SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know, Sir, whether the)vernment consulted the Collector of Malabar in the matter of)lection of these names and if not, why not

IE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: No Collector was consulsted in the ıtter.

ıI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA: May I know, Sir, whether the Commission ılled for any statistical information concerning the revenues, ex-)nditure, etc., of several inguistic areas and have this Government ıpplied that information and if so, will a copy of that be placed ı the Table of this House.

.IE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: Yes, Sir. They asked for certain statical information, specially regarding the financial position of the various districts. We have asked the Accountant-General to prepare a statement and it is not yet ready and as soon as it is ready it will be made available.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: The Government did not make any attempts and so the question of their success or otherwise does not arise.

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: Sir, it the Hon. the Minister be in a position to deny the statement that the Government have made in their reply to the Linguistic Provinces Commission that there are no textile mills in Andhra desa.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: I have not read the contents of the communication.

M. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR: Sir, will the Government enable the Commission to appear before this House and receive the evidence of the cross-section of this House under your Speakership (Laughter).

List of persons suggested by the Government.

1. Sri S. Muthiah Mudaliar, Mylapore, Madras.
2. " Kumaraja Muthiah Chettiar, Chettinad House, Adyar, Madras.
3. Sir Mohammad Usman, Teynampet, Madras.
4. Sri C.N. Muthuranga Mudaliar, M.L.C., Madras.
5. " K.Kamara Nadar, President, Tamilnad Congress Committee, Narasingapuram Street, Madras.
6. " T.Prakasam, M.L.A., Madras.
7. " A. Kaleswara Rao, M.L.A., Madras..
8. " T.Viswanatham, M.L.A., Madras.
9. " T.R. Venkatarama Sastri, Mylapord, Madras.
10. " Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer, Mylapore, Madras.
11. " Kelappan, President, Kerala Provincial Congress Committee, Calicut, Malabar.
12. " R.Raghava Menon, M.L.A., Calicut, Malabar.
13. Dr. V.K. John, M.L.C., Madras
14. Mr. Muhammad Ismail, M.L.A., Madras.
15. Sri V.I. Muniswami Pillay, M.L.A., Madras.
16. " Manjaya Hegde, M.L.C., Madras.
17. " D-Govinda Doss, M.L.A., Madras.
18. " K.R. Karanth, M.L.A., Madras.
19. Dr. D.S. Ramachandra Rao, M.L.A., Madras.
20. Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, M.L.C., Madras.
21. " N. Mrityanajaya Sastri, Advocate, Bellary.
22. " B. Ramachandra Reddy, Buchireddipalem, Nellore District.
23. " N. Sanjeeva Reddy, Pamidi, Anantapur District
24 " D.S.Hanumantha Rao, Advocate, Bellary.
25. " Dewan Bahadur T.Bhujanga Rao, Retired Dt.Judge, Cuddapah.
26. " C.K. Govindan Nair, M.L.A., Malabar.
27. " C.R. Srinivasan, Editor, "Swadesamitran," Madras.
28. " T.S.Chockalingam, Editor, "Dinasari", Madras.
29. " R.Krishnamurthy, Editor, "Kalki", Madras.
30. " P.T. Rajan, Bar-at-Law, Madura.
31. " C.S. Ratnasaphathy Mudaliar, Coimbatore.
32. " M. Sivaraman, Editor, Dinamani, Madras.
33. " V.Nadimuthu Pillai, Tanjore.
34. " T.K.T.N.R. Tatachari, M.L.A., Chittoor.
35. " V.S.Balasundaram, B.A., L.T., Madras Mahajana Sabha, Mount Road, Madras.
36. Mr. Cohe Victoria, M.L.C., Tuticorin.
37. Sri S. Ramaswami Naidu, Ex-Sheriff, T'Nagar, Madras.
38. " T.S.Ramaswami Iyer, Ex-President, Corporation of Madras, Mylapore, Madras.
39. " Shanmukha Mudaliar, Ex-Sheriff and Merchant, Madras.
40. Dr. Algappa Chettiar, Madras.
41. Sri T.T. Krishnamchariar, M.C.A., Madras.
43. " W.P.T.Soundarapandyan, Pattiveeranpatti via Kodaikanal.
43. " K.Srinivasachariar, Ex.Municipal Chairman, Tirupati.
44. " K. Balasubramanya Iyer, Advocate, Mylapore, Madras.
45. " G.A. Natesan, Mylapore, Madras.
46. " Rao Bahadur B.P. Sesha Reddy, Bettamacherla, Kurnool District.
47. " K.P. Kesava Menon, Bar-at-Law, Editor, "Mathrubhumi" Calicut, Malabar.

48. Sri C.K. Raghavan Nambiar, B.A N,leswar, South Kanara.
49. " M.M. Kunhirama Menon, B.A.,B.L., President, District Co-operative Bank, Calicut.
50. " K.V. Gopala Menon, B.A.,B.L., Advocate, Chalapuram, Malabar.
51. Mr. E Moidu Mulvi, Atmur Lodge, Calicut, Malabar.
52. Dr. C.R. Krishna Pillai, Royapettah, Madras.
53. Sri G. Sankaran Nayar, B.A.,B.L., Ottapalam.
54. " Jinaraja Hegde, South Kanara, Mahagalore
55. Dr. R.M. Patrol President Madras Oriya Sabha, Ichapur.
56. Sri P.S. Prakasarao Patnaik, President, A.S.S.K.A., Parvatipuram.
57. The Rajah Saheb of Seerangi, Ichapuram.
58. Sri Hari Hara Patnaick, Secretary, Oriya Samaj, Ichapuram.
59. Sri S. Ch. Maha Patrol Editor. "Asha" Berhampore.